

## From fossil-based refinery to biorefinery – stepwise implementation of integrative plant concepts

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### Agenda

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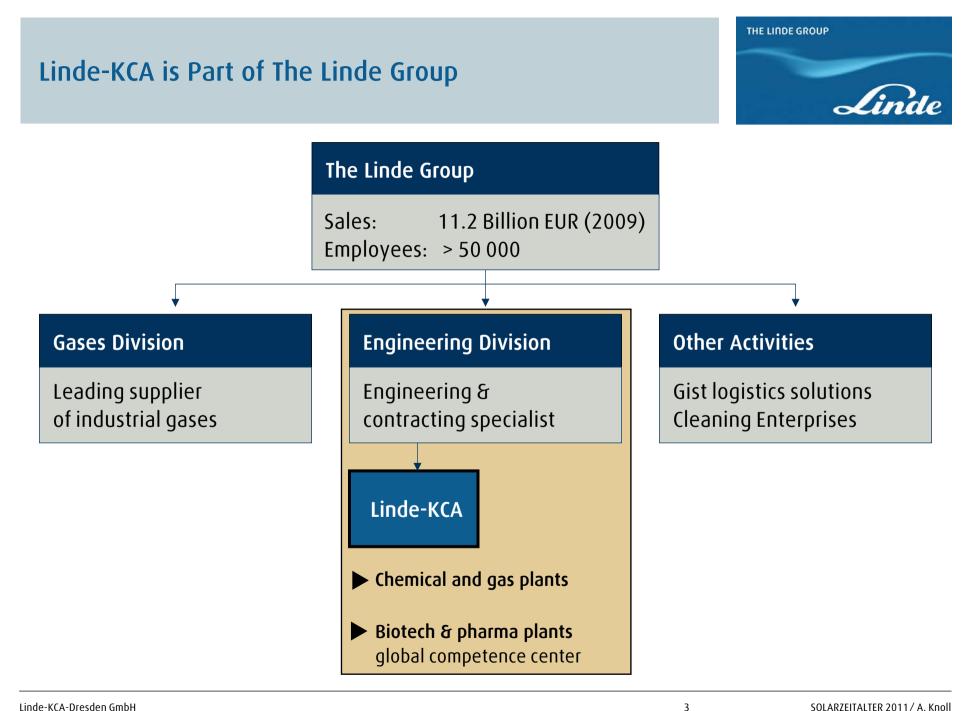
Linde-KCA-Dresden GmbH – competence center BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Linde Involvement in Process Implementation

From TODAY's chemical sites to FUTURE integrated bio/chem sites – Leuna as an example

- The CBP Leuna
  - Motivation
  - Structure and Location
- A promising example: Bio-Ethylene for Biorefinery
  - Economic figures and targets
  - Perspective for implementation in Leuna
- "Green" H2 in Leuna
  - Hydrogen via Pyro-reforming of Glycerol: a new Linde Pilot-plant in Leuna

### Conclusion & Outlook



### Linde-KCA – Company Overview

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HQ in Dresden, Germany





### Sales: approx. 250 million €, Employees: approx. 500

### Linde-KCA – Global Competence Center Biotechnology

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### Biotechnology Plants (B)

- Biotechnology
  - process technology
  - extensive know-how
- design & construction of large-scale biotech plants
- process technology fine chemistry

#### Chemical and Gas Plants (C)

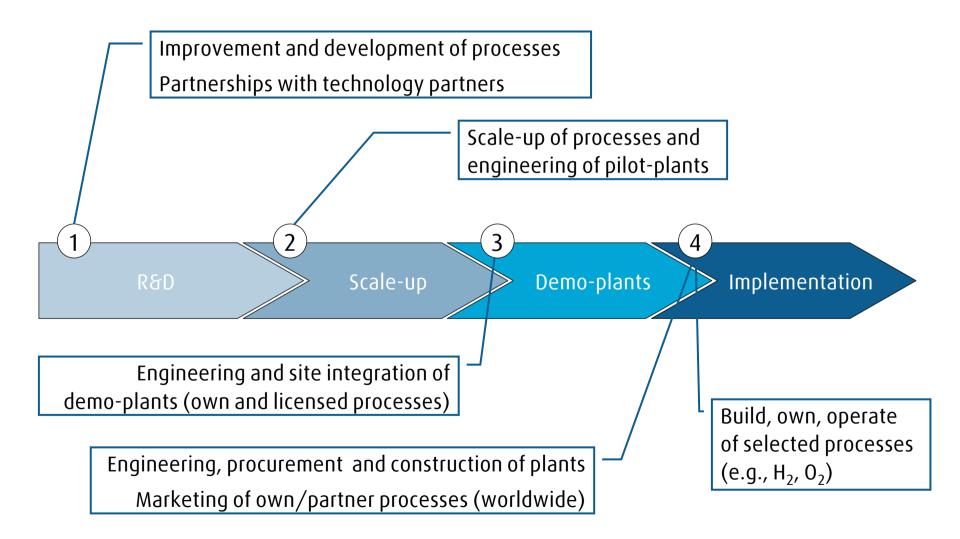
- Chemistry
  - own and licensed processes
  - process technology
  - extensive know-how
- design & construction of large-scale chemical plants

Synergistic cooperation of divisions — Integration of biotechnology & chemistry

"Key to Success" for Industrial Biotech/Biorefinery Projects

### The Linde Involvement in Process Implementation





### Plant for the Production of Modified Wheat Starch and Gluten

Client FRP CS GmbH

Location Zeitz / Germany

**Type of plant** Plant for Production of modified wheat starch and gluten

#### Scope of Work

Conceptual Design, General contractor technology \*) (Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Commissioning)

#### **Project Period**

2006 - 2009

\*) in consortium with firm KAEFER Construction GmbH as general contractor building







### Pilot Plant for the Production of 2G Biofuels – Enzymatic Route

#### Client

Süd-Chemie AG

#### Location

Munich / Germany

#### Type of plant

Pilot plant for the production of Biofuels (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation) from cellulosic raw materials

#### Scope

Concept Design, Basic and Detail Engineering, Procurement, Installation, Supervision of Commissioning

#### Start-up

2009





### Linear alpha Olefin Plant





#### Client & development partner

United Petrochemical Company

#### Location

United Olefins Complex in Al-Jubail/Saudi Arabia

#### Process

Sabic Linde " $\alpha$ -Sablin" Process

#### Capacity

150 000 t/a  $\alpha$ -Olefine

#### **Process steps**

Feedstock and catalyst handling, reaction and catalyst removal, primary separation, product separation

#### Scope of work

Turnkey lump sum: Detail engineering, procurement, construction, precommissioning, commissioning support

#### Start-up

2006



### **Polyethylene Plant**

#### Client

Eastern Petrochemical Company (SHARQ)

#### Location

Al-Jubail/Saudi Arabia

#### Process

PE process licensed by SABIC

#### Capacity

800 000 t/a HDPE and LLDPE

#### **Process Section**

Raw material purification, catalyst preparation, polymerization, additive handling, pelleting, vent recovery, pellet blending and storage, bagging and palletizing, bulk loading

#### Scope of Work

Turnkey lump-sum

#### Start-up

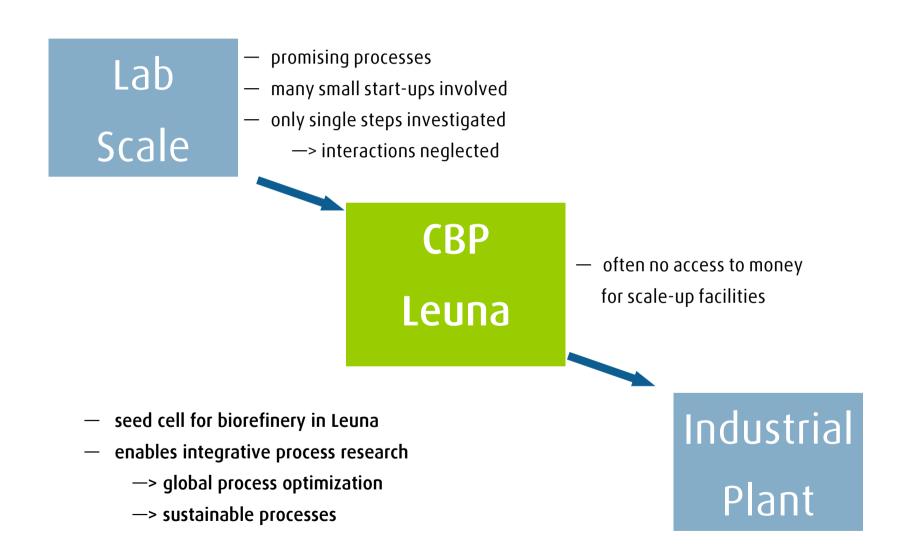
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### Process Development in White Biotech based on Renewables



### Biorefinery Leuna – CBP Fraunhofer Center for <u>Chemical-Biotechnological Processes</u>

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## At the new Fraunhofer CBP in Leuna state-of-the-art facilities will be available for the development and scale-up of industrial biotech processes

- > 8.000 m<sup>2</sup> total space
- 25 L to 10.000 L process volume
- various USP & DSP
- feedstock flexibility
- integrative processes
- 5 individual modules

Lab

- → Linde-KCA rewarded as general contractor technology
- → Linde-KCA involved as R&D partner



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### CBP Leuna The first investigated Processes





- 1: Innovative Enzyme Processes
- 2: Lignocellulose Biorefinery
- 3: Innovative Fermentation Processes

- 4: Micro Algae, Greenhouse, Downstream
- 5: Bio-Ethylene and Biogas
- 6: Office, Utilities and Store
- 7: Possibility for Extension

### CBP Leuna: Location at Industry Park Leuna











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### A promising example: Bio-Ethylene for Biorefinery

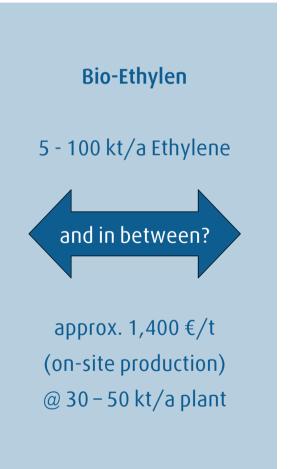
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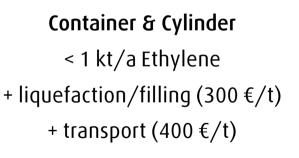


### Mega plants 1 m t/a Ethylene ~ 1 bn € investment

~ 1,000 €/t (pipeline)





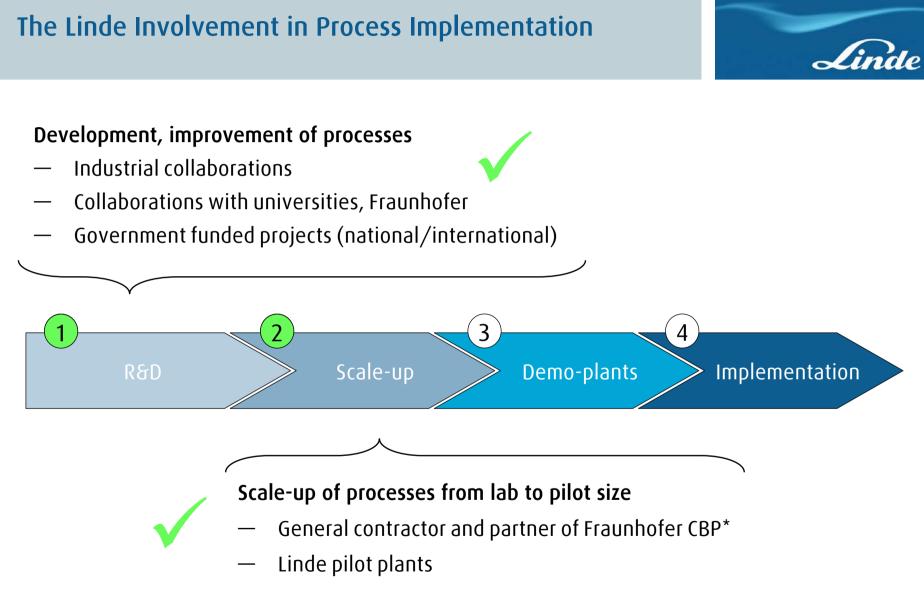


<sup>~ 1,700 €/</sup>t (truck transport)

### **Bio-Ethylene Market: Promising Development**

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- Customer pull (Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Heinz, Volvic, Procter & Gamble, etc.)
- Green image towards end-users
- Value-added for ethanol (first commercial plants based on 1G ethanol operating)
- Linde activities ongoing with Partners (medium scale, plants based on 2G ethanol)

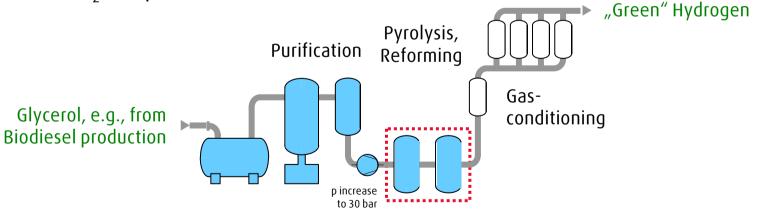




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### Scale-up of Processes from Lab to Pilot Scale "Green" Hydrogen via pyro-reforming of Glycerol: a new Linde Pilot-plant in Leuna

- Cost-competitive technology to produce "green" hydrogen
- Takes advantage of existing Linde technologies
- Possibility of other biogenic feedstocks (tests ongoing)
- Successful start-up of pilot plant Q2/2010
- Capacity approx. 400.000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/year<sup>1)</sup>
- Approx. 140 kg  $H_2/t$  Glycerol
- Sustainable CO<sub>2</sub>-footprint<sup>2)</sup>



1 After water gas shift, prior to pressure swing adsorption 2 According to "RICHTLINIE 2009/28/EG DES EUROPÄISCHEN PARLAMENTS UND DES RATES vom 23. April 2009"

Source: Dr. Hubertus Winkler, Linde R&D



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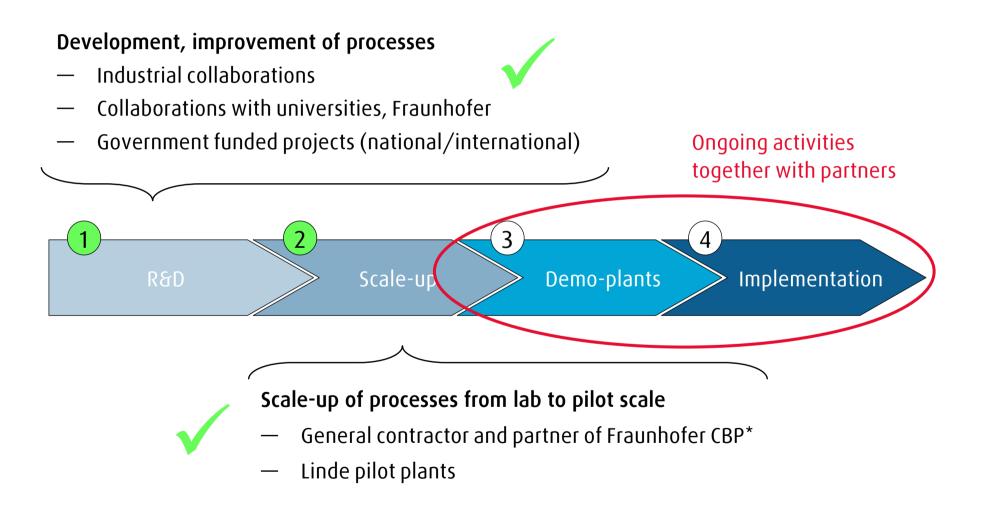
### Pyro-Reforming – Glycerol pilot unit





### Next Steps Towards Bio-based Chemicals

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### Model for an Integrative Site Concept – Outlook "Biorefinery Leuna"

Coal Crude Oil Natural Gas Ethylene, Benzene, Ammonia, ...  $H_2$  $H_{2}O_{2}$ Steam ← H<sub>2</sub> - $H_2 -$ Gasification Caprolactam C0  $(0_2 \rightarrow$ Reformer Polyamide 6 **PA-Compounds** Refinery Sulfur – 🛛 Kerosene, Petrol, Diesel 📟 LDPE  $H_2S$  -PE-Wax CO - $0_2 N_2$ **EVA-Copolymers** Propylene -Catalysts Air Ethylene -Chemical NaHS Separation Methanol -MMA . CO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_ Production  $H_2$ Formaldehyde  $CO_{2}$ Amines  $H_2$ Ρνιο-Lubricants <u>Reformer</u> "Bio- $H_2$ Surfactants Aromatics -Ethanol **Refinery**" Resins Glycerol **Complex Chemicals** Butanol **Fine Chemicals** Enzymes -Dispersions — Animal feed -Proteins -Glues Bio-Oils -DMF **CBP Leuna** (FhG) Surfactants -**New Products** Source Leuna network: Sugar, Starch, Cellulose, Hemicelluloses, Lignin, Algae, etc. InfraLeuna

### **Conclusion & Outlook**



Trend - from "1G reality" to integrated next generation biorefining

### Challenge:

- from established mature technology with easy-to-process food & feed raw materials and well-known products
- via emerging technologies under development
- via difficult-to-process LCB raw materials
- to established or novel products

### Preferred short to midterm solution:

Integrative bio/chemical "Verbund" concepts tapping the full synergy potential of existing sites



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